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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: E.O. 11652, Third Cycle

1. This memorandum, responding to [redacted] verbal request, comments on two sets of papers from OGC. The first consists of a memorandum and attachments from Mr. Houston to the Executive Director-Comptroller and the Deputies concerning the effect of E.O. 11652 on the Agency. The second consists primarily of a draft NSC directive implementing E.O. 11652 and Mr. Houston's comments to Mr. Young who is apparently the principal drafter.

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2. I have no argument with Mr. Houston's memorandum concerning the effect on CIA of E.O. 11652. It is what one expects of Mr. Houston--clear, to the point and complete. It covers most of my objections to the OS draft on [redacted] either implicitly or explicitly and it notes that OGC is preparing a draft revision of [redacted] It implies that declassification will occur. I would be even happier if it spoke explicitly to the opportunity and requirement to ease future declassification problems by establishing at creation a declassification date for those documents that are clearly exceptions to both the General Declassification Schedule and the 30-year rule. I see no need to comment, however, at this stage. I do suggest that at least the memorandum should be read by the DDI, ADDI and perhaps all office chiefs.

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3. The second package is more of a problem. The NSC directive implementing E.O. 11652 is a difficult and lengthy document that would, for CIA in general and the DDI in particular, make problems ranging from inconvenient to impossible. These

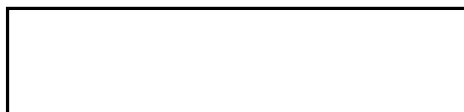
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problems cover the waterfront of the classification system. Mr. Houston's responses cover most, but not all, of the problems that concern the DDI. I recommend, consequently, that the attached comments be forwarded to OGC for possible transmittal to Mr. Young.

4. There is one major additional problem. The draft NSC regulation and the E.O. itself do not speak of Top Secret Codeword documents. I have assumed that the references to Top Secret in the E.O. and the NSC do not apply to them. We cannot even begin to abide effectively by the rules for handling Top Secret material if they also apply to the far larger body of Top Secret Codeword material. I suggest that you seek written assurance that "the green sheet rules" will not apply to Top Secret Codeword material.



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Attachment: A/S

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